

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Members are advised that following last votes, the House is expected to continue consideration of amendments to H.R. 1947 late into the evening.

H.Res. 271 – Rule providing for further considerations of H.R. 1947 – Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act (Rep. Lucas – Agriculture) (One Hour of debate). The Rules committee has recommended a structured Rule for amendments. The Rule provides for consideration of 103 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, except for those amendments offered by Mr. McGovern, Mr. Royce, Mr. Kind, Mr. Pitts, and Mr. Goodlatte, which are debatable for 20 minutes, equally controlled by the proponent and opponent of the amendment.

The Rule also provides the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture authority to offer amendments en bloc, consisting of amendments not previously considered. All en bloc amendments are debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the committee on Agriculture. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion made by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to consider H.R. 1947 under an open Rule.

Continue Consideration of [H.R. 1947](#) – Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act (Rep. Lucas – Agriculture) (One Hour of Debate). This bill extends most major federal farm, nutrition assistance, rural development and agricultural trade programs through FY 2018 — but repeals or modifies certain major programs, including dairy programs, and direct payments to farmers.

It repeals direct and countercyclical payments to agriculture commodity producers and replaces them with new risk-management programs to protect farmers when they suffer losses. It also repeals several major dairy programs and replaces them with a new program to manage the supply of dairy products, it expands crop insurance coverage, and it consolidates major conservation programs.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the bill would reduce spending by \$33.3 billion (plus about \$6 billion in savings from sequestration) over 10 years compared to the baseline, including a reduction of \$20.5 billion to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The bill significantly restricts so-called "categorical eligibility" for SNAP, under which individuals become eligible for SNAP benefits based on their participation in other low-income assistance programs. This would result in the loss of SNAP benefits for about 2 million Americans (and eliminate school lunch eligibility for about 210,000 children). Changes in the bill to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)/SNAP interaction would also cut benefits for about 1.7 million Americans.

The Rule provides for no further general debate, makes in order 103 amendments, and allows for the Chairman to offer amendments en bloc:

A full list of the 103 amendments made in order can be found [HERE](#).

Bill Text for H.R. 1947:
[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 1947:
[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

[CRS Report:](#) The 2013 Farm Bill: A Comparison of the Senate-Passed Bill ([S. 954](#)) and House-Reported Bill (H.R. 1947) with Current Law

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, June 20: The House will meet



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at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to continue consideration of H.R. 1947 – Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act (Rep. Lucas – Agriculture).

The Daily Quote

"House Speaker John Boehner's right wing is acting up again. First, hard-line conservatives failed in a January coup against the Ohio Republican. Then they tried to force a special meeting on immigration reform — but GOP leaders beat them to the punch. Now, fearful of a capitulation on immigration and fiscal issues, they want to force Boehner to have a majority of Republican support each time it considers a bill to increase spending... Yet these efforts — and the fact [Rep. Matt] Salmon [R-AZ] can find a few dozen Republicans to support him — shows that there is a core of discontent that continues to plague Boehner, Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) and Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.). The bruising battles of the 112th Congress over the debt limit and fiscal cliff have left scars that haven't gone away."

- Politico, 6/18/13